

SITUATION REPORT NO. 18
INCIDENT NO. 2005-075
DATE: June 28, 2005 Time: 3:30 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. **NATURE OF DISASTER:** **Severe Summer Storms and Flooding** – Governor John Hoeven on June 9 issued an emergency declaration to address severe thunderstorms that have produced abnormal amounts of rainfall, hail and high winds throughout the state, and for continued flooding in the Devils Lake Basin.
2. **DEATHS AND INJURIES:** No changes from previous reports.
3. **DAMAGES:** The Bismarck and Grand Forks Offices of the National Weather Service (NWS) forecasted a chance for strong to severe thunderstorms statewide on June 28. Some thunderstorms could produce heavy rain, large hail and damaging winds. A warm front will develop across South Dakota and move north overnight with thunderstorms occurring along the warm front.

River Statements

On June 28, the Bismarck and Grand Forks Offices of the NWS indicated flood warnings remain in effect for the lower James River at Ludden Dam and Oakes; the Red River at Fargo, East Grand Forks, Oslo, Drayton, and Pembina; and the Missouri River near Williston. A flood watch is in effect for evening of June 27 through June 29 for western and central North Dakota. This watch includes the following counties; Adams, Billings, Bottineau, Bowman, Burke, Burleigh, Dickey, Divide, Dunn, Emmons, Foster, Grant, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan, McHenry, McIntosh, McKenzie, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Mountrail, Oliver, Pierce, Renville, Rolette, Sheridan, Sioux, Slope, Stark, Stutsman, Ward, Wells and Williams.

River forecasts from the NWS, based on current observations, are as follows:

River	Flood Stage	Last Report	Comments
Red River at Fargo	17 feet	18.92 feet @ 7:00 a.m. June 28	Crested, river trend is falling
Red River at Pembina	42 feet	42.47 feet @ 4:00 a.m. June 28	Crested, river trend is falling
Red River at East Grand Forks	28 feet	29.31 feet @ 7:45 a.m. June 28	Crested, river trend is falling
Red River at Oslo	28 feet	29.32 feet @ 7:15 a.m. June 28	Crested, river trend is falling
Red River at Drayton	32 feet	36.21 feet @ 8:00 a.m. June 28	Crested, river trend is falling
James River at Ludden Dam	12 feet	12.07 feet @ 6:45 a.m. June 28	Crested, river trend is falling
James River at Oakes	93 feet	92.74 feet @ 5:30 a.m. June 28	Crested, River Trend is falling
Missouri River near Williston	20 feet	20.68 feet @ 7:15 a.m. June 28	Crested, river trend is falling

The State Operations Center (SOC) received the following reports of storm activity from local emergency managers and agricultural officials:

Grand Forks County

A severe thunderstorm on June 26 with winds estimated at 100 miles per hour (mph) struck a 16-acre farmstead near Larimore, downing approximately 100 trees.

Griggs County

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) County Emergency Board (CEB) indicated high winds on June 27 damaged 15 buildings; five pole barns were considered a total loss. Roof and tree damage also occurred. The storm occurred in an area north from Glenfield toward Cooperstown to Aneta and included the town of Binford.

Ransom County

The USDA CEB reported two thunderstorm systems moved through the county June 26, resulting in up to 2.5 inches in rain and small hail. The corn crop in the county has an eight percent loss, soybeans have a 5.5 percent loss and the dry edible beans have a 15 percent loss.

Ward County

Reports of residential flooding on June 26 were received from the city of Berthold. A temporary bypass to a bridge/roadway under construction on N.D. Highway 52, between the cities of Carpio and Foxholm, has been washed out due to flooding. This section of roadway is currently closed.

4. **RESOURCES:**

LOCAL: No changes from previous reports.

STATE: In addition to previous reports, the N.D. Forest Service is providing assistance.

FEDERAL: No changes from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: In Grand Forks County, volunteers cleared trees to allow access to a residence after a June 26 wind storm.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS:

Benson County

Officials from the N.D. Department of Health reported the city of Minnewaukan is pumping sewage, diluted with rain water and inflow, into Devils Lake due to sewer overflow and backup problems. City workers are obtaining volume amounts and pumping times. The city of Maddock is also pumping at the lift station into a unnamed drainage system.

Bottineau County

Workers from the city of Souris are using a tractor and pump to remove water from the northwest corner of the town in an attempt to relieve pressure on lift station pumps.

Richland County

On June 27, the Richland County Commission declared an emergency.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Homeland Security's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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